

Government Works: A City Academy

"Government Works will provide the residents of Greensboro an inside look at the public policy process. This in turn will foster an environment where residents and government officials work in conjunction to increase the quality of life that we all enjoy in Greensboro."

-Ed Kitchen
City Manager



Government Works Interactive Activities

Simulated "balanced budget" game

Authentic firehouse meal

Tour of the Guilford Metro 911 Center

"Real" life fire department scenarios

Tour of water treatment plant

Diversity bingo game

Mock transportation meeting

AND MUCH MORE!



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For more information on Government Works, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov or contact Brian Cockman at 373-7980.

All physical activities of Government Works can be modified to accommodate individuals with special needs.

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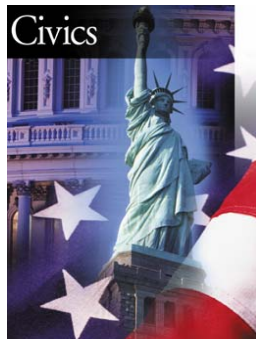
"By its very definition, civic responsibility means taking a healthy role in the life of one's community."

- Senator John Glenn



What is Government Works?

The City of Greensboro's Government Works: A City Academy, is a series of classes designed to teach participants about all aspects of City government. The mission of Government Works is to develop future leaders and build a better community through the efforts of well informed and civically engaged residents. Classes use engaging hands-on activities to show how City government affects the quality of life in Greensboro. Class sessions include information on topics ranging from police and fire to economic development and water resources. Activities include dinner cooked by firefighters at a fire station, tours of the City's recycling center, and the opportunity to select priorities for a City "budget."



Program Components

- Classes use experiential learning and hands-on activities to teach how City government affects the quality of life in Greensboro.
- Classes are held on Thursday for 10 consecutive weeks from 6 to 9 p.m. at various locations throughout the City. Meals are provided.
- A graduation ceremony will be held on Tuesday during the 11th week in front of the City Council.
- Government Works is open to any resident who lives or works in Greensboro, with special preference given to those who reside within the city limits.
- Class size is limited to 25 individuals. Potential students must complete an application. Government Works prepares class participants for service on a City board or commission.
- Cost to attend Government Works is free.

Class Curriculum

Sept. 9—Session 1—Ready, Set, Gov! Welcome from the City Manager, history of the City, form of government, and City goals

Sept. 16—Session 2—Show Me the Money! Economic development, budgeting, and the connection to quality of life indicators

Sept. 23—Session 3—Rescue Me I Police services, patrol operations, special operations, training, and investigation

Sept. 30—Session 4—Rescue Me II Fire services, search and find, building rappelling, fire safety, authentic firehouse meal with firefighters

Oct. 7—Session 5—Parks to Pops History and opportunities for participation in Parks and Recreation and Libraries

Oct. 14—Session 6—Green and Clean Introduction to Water Resources and Environmental Services

Oct. 21—Session 7—R-E-S-P-E-C-T Diversity and Human Relations, interactive diversity scenario games

Oct. 28—Session 8—What's the Plan? Transportation, comprehensive planning, and inspections

Nov. 4—Session 9—Get Involved! Boards and Commissions, neighborhoods, and leadership

Nov. 11—Session 10—Connect the Dots Communication, Guilford Metro 911, and summary of learning with a roundtable discussion

Nov. 16—Session 11- Graduation (Held on Tuesday night)

